

OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
JOINT STAFF REPORT - FALL FACT SHEET NO. 1
Columbia River Compact
July 26, 2018

<i>Fisheries under consideration:</i>	Treaty commercial sturgeon set line Treaty below Bonneville Dam and Zone 6 platform and hook and line Yakama Nation tributaries Non-Treaty Select Area commercial salmon
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Detailed information on stock status and management guidelines for Columbia River fisheries are presented in Joint Staff Reports, which are produced annually and available on-line. The 2018 Fall Report was distributed on July 17, 2018. Links to the on-line reports are: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/crc/> and <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/fish/OSCRP/CRM/reports.asp>

STOCK STATUS

Fall Chinook

- Columbia River fall Chinook are comprised of six major management components: Select Area Brights (SAB), Lower River Hatchery (LRH), Lower River Wild (LRW), Bonneville Pool Hatchery (BPH), Upriver Bright (URB), and Mid-Columbia Bright (MCB). The MCB component is comprised of Pool Upriver Bright (PUB) and Lower River Bright (LRB) stocks. The Bonneville Upriver Bright (BUB) stock was part of the MCB component but is now included in the PUB stock.
- The LRH and BPH stocks are referred to as tules and the LRW, SAB, URB, and MCB stocks are referred to as brights.
- The URB, BPH, and PUB Chinook are destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam, and in aggregate comprise the upriver run. Lower river components include SAB, LRH, LRW, and LRB Chinook stocks.
- The forecast for the 2018 fall Chinook adult return to the Columbia River totals 375,510 fish which would be less than (79%) the 2017 actual return of 476,463 fish and 50% of the 2008–2017 average return (753,350 fish).
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total nearly 253,100 upriver fall Chinook adults for the season. Passage is typically 50% complete by September 9.

Upriver Summer Steelhead

- Upriver summer steelhead pass Bonneville Dam from April through October of each year. Fish passing during July through October are categorized as A-Index or B-Index based on fork length (A-Index: <78 cm, B-Index: ≥78 cm). Passage during July is mainly A-Index fish; B-Index passage normally begins around the end of August. B-Index steelhead primarily return to Snake River tributaries in Idaho, while A-Index steelhead return to tributaries throughout the Columbia and Snake river basins.
- The forecast for the combined A/B-Index steelhead return to Bonneville Dam totals 182,400 fish, including 57,700 unclipped (48,200 wild) fish. The A-Index forecast is 62% and the B-Index forecast is 60% of their respective recent 10-year averages.

- Counts of steelhead at Bonneville Dam during July 1-24 total 16,970 fish, which is less than expected (~25,300) given the 2018 forecast and is the approximately 1/3rd of the recent 10-year average (~50% of recent 5-year). Passage at Bonneville Dam (July–October) is typically 50% complete by August 13. The count of unclipped steelhead from July 1-24 totals 8,272 (49% of total) which is 66% of the expected passage for this period.
- During July 1-25, 201 steelhead have been sampled at Bonneville Dam (preliminary data). One unclipped B-Index steelhead and two clipped B-Index steelhead have been sampled in this timeframe. All of the other steelhead sampled since July 1 have been A-Index fish (99 clipped and 98 unclipped). Stock proportions are normal for this point in the run.

Coho

- The 2018 Coho forecast to the Columbia River is for a return of 213,600 adults, which includes 127,200 early stock and 86,400 late stock. The forecast is 51% of the recent 10-year average of 416,100 fish.
- Bonneville Dam passage is expected to total 51,800 adult Coho, which represents 65% of the forecasted ocean abundance of Columbia River Coho destined for areas upstream of Bonneville Dam. No Coho have been counted at Bonneville to date which is not unusual.

<i>Columbia River Adult Salmonid Returns: Actual and Forecasted*</i>				
		2017 Forecast	2017 Return	2018 Forecast
Fall Chinook	Total Fall Chinook	613,840	476,463	375,510
	Lower River Hatchery - LRH	98,750	64,626	63,910
	Lower River Wild - LRW	13,610	7,855	7,860
	Bonneville Pool Hatchery - BPH	164,390	48,127	51,420
	Upriver Bright – URB	275,210	297,423	205,060
	<i>Snake River Wild - SRW</i>	<i>12,400</i>	<i>11,750</i>	<i>9,600</i>
	Bonneville Upriver Bright - BUB ****	3,470	1,353	0
	Lower River Bright - LRB	220	4,199	3,760
	Pool Upriver Bright - PUB	44,490	46,263	38,200
	Select Area Bright - SAB	13,700	6,617	5,300
Coho	Total Coho	319,300	235,656	213,600
	Early stock	196,800	151,637	127,200
	Late stock	122,500	84,019	86,400
Summer Steelhead	Total Upriver A-/B-Index Steelhead	119,400	113,350	182,400
(to Bonneville Dam)	A-Index (total)	112,100	106,776	158,000
	<i>(wild)</i>	<i>33,000</i>	<i>27,909</i>	<i>44,800</i>
	B-Index (total)	7,300	6,574	24,400
	<i>(wild)</i>	<i>1,100</i>	<i>751</i>	<i>3,400</i>
* Wild components are included in the stock total.				
** Return to tributary mouth (except that 2018 forecasts for Sandy, Cowlitz, Kalama, and Lewis rivers are at the Columbia River mouth).				
*** 2017 return is based on standard TAC run reconstruction methodology.				
**** BUB production moved to PUB – no adults expected to return in 2018				
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MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Salmon/Steelhead

- The 2018-2027 *U.S. v Oregon* Management Agreement (MA) provides specific fishery management guidelines for fall Chinook, steelhead, and Coho.
 - The allowable impact rate for combined treaty Indian and non-treaty fisheries is 45% of the URB run based on preseason forecasts (URB stock is the surrogate for SRW Chinook). This impact limit is allocated 30% for treaty Indian fisheries and 15% for non-treaty fisheries.
 - However, for 2018 the states have opted to manage non-treaty fisheries conservatively at an 8.25% harvest rate (HR) prior to an in-season run-size update since the forecasted return is close to 200,000 (8.25% harvest rate trigger).
 - The escapement goal at Spring Creek Hatchery is 7,000 adult fall Chinook (BPH stock).
 - The management goal for adult fall Chinook at McNary Dam is 60,000 fish.
 - The allowable non-treaty impact rates for wild summer steelhead (A-Index and B-Index) during fall fisheries is 2%.
 - Based on the pre-season forecast, treaty Indian impacts are limited to 15% of the total B-Index steelhead.
 - The goal for upriver coho passage at Bonneville Dam is 50% of the ocean abundance.
 - Fisheries are managed based on preseason forecasts until in-season run size updates become available.
- The ESA impact limit to LCR tule fall Chinook is 38% in 2018 given the pre-season forecast. Harvest of LRH stock is the surrogate for LCR Chinook. This exploitation rate (ER) limit includes impacts in ocean and Columbia River fisheries combined.
- In 2018, fishery impacts to LCN Coho are limited to an 18% ER for combined ocean and Columbia River fisheries.

Sturgeon

- The 2018 sturgeon harvest guidelines for Treaty fisheries in Zone 6 are 325 fish for the Bonneville Pool, 415 for The Dalles Pool, and 210 fish for the John Day pool.

2018 TREATY FISHERIES

Sturgeon Setline

- 2018 tribal sturgeon catches are shown in the table below. There are 247 sturgeon remaining in the Bonneville Pool and 48 sturgeon remaining in the John Day Pool.

	Bonneville	The Dalles	John Day	Total
January Setline	17	63	9	89
Winter Gillnet	61	352	143	556
June Setline	0	0	10	10
Total	78	415	162	655
Guideline	325	415	210	950
Remaining	247	0	48	295

- Sturgeon stock assessment work in the Bonneville Pool is expected to end on August 2.
- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have adopted regulations consistent with the following:

<i>2018 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Friday July 27 to 6 PM Saturday August 4
Area:	John Day Pool only
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to setline gear
Gear:	Setline Gear. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in the John Day Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area of the set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. It is unlawful to sell, barter, or attempt to sell or barter sturgeon eggs that have been removed from the body cavity of a sturgeon prior to sale of the sturgeon to a wholesale dealer licensed, or to sell or barter sturgeon eggs at retail. It is unlawful to deliver to a wholesale dealer any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

<i>2018 Treaty Indian Commercial Sturgeon Setline Fishery</i>	
Season:	6 AM Monday August 6 to 6 PM Saturday August 18
Area:	Bonneville Pool only
Sanctuaries:	Standard river mouth and dam closed areas applicable to setline gear
Gear:	Setline Gear. Fishers are encouraged to use circle hooks and avoid J-hooks. It is unlawful to use setline gear with more than 100 hooks per set line, with hooks less than the minimum size of 9/0, with treble hooks, without visible buoys attached, and with buoys that do not specify operator and tribal identification.
Allowable Sales:	Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool may be sold or kept for subsistence purposes. Sturgeon within the legal size limit and caught in the platform and hook and line fishery may only be sold if caught during the open period and open area of the set line fishery. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket. It is unlawful to sell, barter, or attempt to sell or barter sturgeon eggs that have been removed from the body cavity of a sturgeon prior to sale of the sturgeon to a wholesale dealer licensed, or to sell or barter sturgeon eggs at retail. It is unlawful to deliver to a wholesale dealer any sturgeon that are not in the round with the head and tail intact.

- The tribes expect low effort and moderate catch in the proposed setline fishery and anticipate that based on this year’s June fishery and previous early August sturgeon fisheries, the catch to be less than the numbers the fish available in either pool’s guideline.
- Catch and effort will be monitored to ensure the tribal fisheries remain within management limits. Fisheries will be closed earlier if harvest limits are projected to be met early.

Platform and Hook and Line Fisheries

- The commercial sale of fish caught with hoopnet, dipnet, or hook-and-line will be allowed by the Columbia River treaty tribes during the fall season which begins August 1.
- Oregon and Washington regulations that are currently in place to allow sales for Zone 6 treaty mainstem and tributary fisheries are scheduled to expire on August 1.
- The four Columbia River treaty tribes have adopted regulations consistent with the following:

<i>2018 Treaty Fishery –Zone 6 Commercial Platform and Hook and Line</i>	
Season:	12:01 AM August 1 through 6:00 PM December 31.
Area:	Zone 6
Gear:	Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon of legal size may be sold if landed during the open area and period for the setline fishery within that pool, otherwise sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length in the Bonneville Pool and sturgeon from 43 to 54 inches fork length in The Dalles and John Day Pools may be kept for subsistence purposes. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Sanctuaries:	Standard sanctuaries in place for these gear types.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- Yakama Nation tributary fisheries are expected throughout the fall season. The Yakama Nation allows commercial sale of Zone 6 tributary catch when sales are open for the Zone 6 platform fishery.

<i>2018 Yakama Nation Commercial Fisheries - Zone 6 Tributaries</i>	
Season:	12:01 AM August 1 through 6:00 PM December 31, and only during days and times open under lawfully enacted Yakama Nation tribal subsistence fishery regulations for enrolled Yakama Nation members.
Area:	Drano Lake and Klickitat River.
Gear:	Hoop nets/bag nets, dip nets, and rod and reel with hook and line. Gillnets may only be used in Drano Lake.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be sold. Sturgeon from 38 to 54 inches fork length may be kept for subsistence.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- During the fall season some tribes may open fisheries in the area below Bonneville Dam consistent with tribal regulations and MOUs/MOAs between the states and tribes. The harvest downstream of Bonneville is expected to be relatively low. The catch downstream of Bonneville is counted as part of the total tribal mainstem catch.

<i>2018 Treaty Fishery – Downstream of Bonneville Dam: Commercial Platform and Hook and Line</i>	
Season:	12:01 AM August 1 through 11:59 PM October 31.
Area:	Area as defined in tribal/state MOUs/MOAs.
Participants:	Enrolled members of the Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, and Umatilla tribes when lawfully permitted by Treaty regulations under provisions of the agreements with the states of Oregon and Washington. Tribal members fishing below Bonneville Dam must carry an official tribal enrollment card.
Gear:	Hook and line and/or platform gear identified in tribal rules.
Allowable Sales:	Salmon (any species), steelhead, shad, yellow perch, bass, walleye, catfish, and carp may be sold or retained for subsistence. Sturgeon may not be retained in fisheries downstream of Bonneville Dam. Sales of fish are not authorized on COE property downstream of Bonneville Dam. Fish must be transported elsewhere for sale. Fish landed during the open periods are allowed to be sold after the period concludes.
Additional:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315 except that landings must be reported within 24-hours of completing the fish ticket.

- Fisheries will be modified as needed to keep harvest impacts within allowed limits for the Zone 6 platform/hook and line fish.

2018 NON-TREATY FALL FISHERIES

Select Area Commercial Fisheries

- Expected harvest in Select Area fishing sites include 36,100 Coho and 2,800 SAB fall Chinook. LRH fall Chinook will also be available for harvest in all sites.
- The catch expectations for Coho and SAB Chinook are 63% and 38% of respective recent 10-year average landings.
- Regulations and season structure proposed for 2018 are similar to recent years.
- Based on recent performance and the 2018 forecast, the expected escapement of tule fall Chinook to Big Creek Hatchery (BCH) may not meet broodstock needs, therefore the fishery proposal for the Blind/Knappa Slough site is modified from recent years.
- Impacts to ESA-listed stocks in 2018 fall Select Area fisheries are expected to be 0.20% HR for SRW Chinook, 0.40% ER for natural origin LCR Chinook, 0.28% ER for LCN Coho, 0.05% and 0.08% for natural origin A- and B-Index steelhead, and 0.02% for Chum.
- To date, white sturgeon landings in Select Area fisheries total 265 fish, or 22% of the 1,230 commercial guideline.
- Recreational fisheries in Select Area sites are currently open under permanent regulations.

Deep River Select Area

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Compact action. Washington state waters extend upstream from the Highway #4 Bridge and require Washington state action.
- A Washington license is required in Washington state waters and either a Washington or Oregon license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.

<i>Recommendation: 2018 Select Area Fall Season - Deep River Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday and Wednesday nights August 27-30 (2 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday nights September 3–22 (15 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights September 24 – October 12 (12 nights) Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM August 27-30, and 6 PM – 9 AM thereafter
Area:	The Deep River fishing area includes all waters from West Deep River Road Bridge at the town of Deep River downstream to the mouth defined by a line from USCG navigation marker #16 southwest to a marker on the Washington shore.
Gear:	Gillnets. Maximum mesh size restriction is 9¾-inch through September 8, and 6-inch thereafter. Maximum net length is 100 fathoms. No weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. No nets can be tied off to stationary structures. Nets may not fully cross the navigation channel. It is unlawful to operate in any river, stream or channel any gillnet gear longer than three-fourths the width of the river, stream, or channel. “River, stream, or channel width” is defined as bank-to-bank, where the water meets the banks, regardless of the time of tide or the water level. This emergency provision shall supersede the permanent regulation and all other regulations that conflict with it. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted_buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of four white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- Use of large mesh gear in late August and early September focuses harvest on Chinook during peak abundance, which should reduce escapement of Chinook into Grays River.
- The reduced mesh size (after September 8) and additional periods for the first three weeks in September are intended to maximize Coho harvest, and a mid-October end date reduces Chum handle.

Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Select Areas

- Concurrent jurisdiction waters extend downstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and encompass all of Knappa Slough and require Compact action.
- Oregon state waters extend upstream from the Railroad Bridge in Blind Slough and require Oregon State action.
- An Oregon license is required in Oregon State waters and either an Oregon or Washington license is required in concurrent jurisdiction waters.
- The minimum broodstock goal for BCH is 2,900 adult Chinook. This goal is becoming harder to achieve because of reduced BCH releases and recent ocean conditions.

<i>Recommendation: 2018 Select Area Fall Season - Blind Slough/Knappa Slough Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday and Wednesday nights August 27–30 (2 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights September 3 – October 26 (32 nights) Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM through September 7 and 6 PM – 10 AM thereafter.
Areas:	The Blind Slough Area is defined as those waters of Blind Slough and Gnat Creek from a north-south line formed by regulatory markers at the mouth of Blind Slough to a regulatory marker in Gnat Creek located approximately 0.5 miles southeasterly (upstream) of the Barendse Road Bridge. The Knappa Slough Area is defined as those waters of Knappa Slough, Calendar Slough, and Big Creek Slough bounded to the north (upstream) by a line projecting from a regulatory marker on the eastern shore of Karlson Island to the northernmost regulatory marker at the mouth of Blind Slough and bounded to the west (downstream) by a line projecting southerly from a regulatory marker on the southwestern tip of Karlson Island through markers on the western tips of Minaker Island to a marker on the Oregon shore. The waters of Knappa Slough within a 100-foot radius of the railroad bridge crossing Big Creek are closed.
Gear:	Gillnets. Maximum mesh size restriction is 9¾-inch through September 7, and 6-inch thereafter. Maximum net length of 100 fathoms and no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted_buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of four white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- Due to Chinook broodstock collection concerns at BCH, the staff recommendation includes a reduced maximum mesh size beginning September 10.

Tongue Point/South Channel Select Area

- All waters in this fishing area are concurrent jurisdiction waters and require Compact action.
- A license from either Oregon or Washington is required to participate in this fishery.

<i>Recommendation: 2018 Select Area Fall Season - Tongue Point/South Channel Fishery</i>	
Season:	Monday and Wednesday nights August 27–30 (2 nights) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights September 3 – October 26 (32 nights) Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM through September 7 and 4 PM – 10 AM thereafter.
Areas:	The Tongue Point Area is defined as those waters of the Columbia River bounded by a line from a regulatory marker (46.20863 degrees N, -123.75944 degrees W) on the eastern shore of Tongue Point to the flashing green USCG light “3” on the rock jetty at the northwest tip of Mott Island, a line from a regulatory marker at the southeast end of Mott Island northeasterly to a regulatory marker on the northwest shore of Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker (46.18270 degrees N, -123.74313 degrees W) located on the Oregon shore 300 yards northwest of the railroad bridge crossing the John Day River projecting easterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island. The South Channel Area is defined as those waters of South Channel bounded by a line from a regulatory marker on the Oregon shore at John Day Point projecting northeasterly to a regulatory marker on Lois Island, and a line from a regulatory marker on Settler Point projecting northwesterly to the flashing red USCG light “10” then projecting westerly to the eastern tip of Burnside Island.
Gear:	Gillnets with a 6-inch maximum mesh size. Maximum net length of 250 fathoms. In the Tongue Point fishing area: weight not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Fishers participating in the Tongue Point fishery may have un-stored gillnets legal for the South Channel fishing area onboard their fishing vessel. In the South Channel fishing area: no weight restriction on leadline. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed. Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted_buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.
Allowable Sales:	Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of four white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.
Additional Rules:	24-hour quick reporting required for Washington buyers, pursuant to WAC 220-352-315. Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.

- The Tongue Point/South Channel season dates match Blind Slough/Knappa Slough to maintain concurrency between the two sites and address broodstock collection concerns at BCH.

Youngs Bay Select Area

- All waters in this fishing area are Oregon state waters and require Oregon state action, but all waters are open to Washington licensed fishers.

<i>Recommendation: 2018 Select Area Fall Season - Youngs Bay Fishery</i>	
Season:	<p>7 PM Wednesday August 1 to 7 AM Friday August 3 (One 36-hr period)</p> <p>7 PM Tuesday to 7 AM Thursday weekly August 7-23 (Three 36-hr periods)</p> <p>Monday and Wednesday nights August 27–30 (Two nights)</p> <p>Open hours: 7 PM – 7 AM</p> <p>7 PM Monday September 3 – noon Wednesday October 31 (58 days)</p>
Area:	<p>The Youngs Bay Select Area is defined as those waters of Youngs Bay southeasterly (upstream) of the Highway 101 Bridge, the Walluski River downstream of Highway 202 Bridge, the Lewis and Clark River downstream of the powerlines located approximately 500 feet southwesterly of Barret Slough, and the Youngs River downstream of the regulatory marker located at the mouth of Battle Creek Slough.</p> <p>If the marker at Battle Creek Slough is not in place, the boundary is defined by a line projecting northeasterly from a point (46.10988 degrees N, -123.79501 degrees W) on the south bank of Youngs River immediately downstream of the mouth of Battle Creek Slough to a point (46.11156 degrees N, -123.79357 degrees W) located on the northern bank of Youngs River.</p>
Gear:	<p>Gillnets with a 9³/₄-inch maximum mesh size restriction through August 23 and a 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction thereafter.</p> <p>Maximum net length of 250 fathoms and weight on leadline not to exceed two pounds in any one fathom. Use of additional weights and/or anchors attached directly to the leadline is allowed between markers located approximately 200 yards upstream of the mouth of the Walluski River and the upper deadline at Battle Creek Slough, in the lower Walluski River upstream to the Highway 202 Bridge, and in the Lewis and Clark River from the Alternate Highway 101 Bridge upstream to the overhead power lines immediately upstream of Barrett Slough.</p> <p>Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to corks used in the remainder of the net.</p> <p>Nets not specifically authorized for use in this fishery may be onboard the vessel if properly stored. A properly stored net is defined as a net on a drum that is fully covered by a tarp (canvas or plastic) and bound with a minimum of ten revolutions of rope with a diameter of 3/8 (0.375) inches or greater. Nets fished any time between official sunset and official sunrise must have lighted buoys on both ends of the net. If the net is attached to the boat, then one lighted buoy on the end of the net opposite the boat is required.</p>
Allowable Sales:	<p>Chinook, Coho, Pink, and Sockeye salmon, white sturgeon, and shad. A maximum of four white sturgeon with a fork length of 44-50 inches may be possessed or sold by each participating vessel during each calendar week (Sunday through Saturday). The white sturgeon possession and sales limit includes all Select Area fisheries.</p>
Additional Rules:	<p>Oregon buyers are required to electronically submit fish receiving tickets pursuant to OAR 635-006-0210. Electronic fish tickets must be submitted within 24 hours of closure of the fishing period, or within 24 hours of landing for fishing periods lasting longer than 24 hours.</p>

- The standard fall season upper fishing boundary at Battle Creek Slough is intended to limit harvest of SAB fall Chinook that congregate in the upper tidewater area in order to facilitate escapement of broodstock.

- The 9¾-inch maximum mesh size restriction allows the fishery to target Chinook during most of August and the 6-inch maximum mesh size restriction beginning in the last week of August will focus the fishery on Coho as their abundance begins to peak.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- A Compact hearing will be needed in mid-August to consider treaty Indian and non-treaty mainstem commercial fisheries.

<i>Issues Requiring Compact/State Consideration</i>		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Zone 6 platform/hook and line fishery	5	Compact
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